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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR  
SWITCHING FIBRE CHANNEL  
ARBITRATED LOOP SYSTEMS

Examiner: Wanda Z. Russell

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the final Office Action dated January 7, 2009, for which a response was due on April 7, 2009, for which a petition for a one-month extension of time is submitted herewith to extend the date to May 7, 2009. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Also filed concurrently herewith is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.